

**A Resolution of support for the Green Pointe Smart Office Project and the pending application to the State of Ohio, Department of Development, for assistance under the Ohio Job Ready Sites Program**

**(Economic Development and Planning)**

**WHEREAS**, the State of Ohio, Department of Development, provides financial assistance to local governments for the purpose of developing speculative sites for future economic development opportunities, under the Ohio Job Ready Sites (JRS) Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Ohio, Department of Development, allows that projects applying for the JRS Program to receive a letter of support from the Board of Commissioners of the county in which the project is proposed; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Gahanna and private development partner Value Recovery Group 2, LLC, will commit to develop an 13.57 acre site which once housed an industrial building and now contains a fuel refilling station and is adjacent to an ecologically sensitive area located in Franklin County; and

**WHEREAS**, Value Recovery Group 2, LLC, will commit to develop the site to accommodate up to 150,000 sq ft of “smart office” space and will seek Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification for the building – the first in the City of Gahanna and in keeping with the Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County Resolution 683-06; and

**WHEREAS**, as a community transitioning from traditional suburban developments to those focused on redevelopment and the re-use of older sites, the City of Gahanna has demonstrated its commitment to projects that are economically viable, innovative, and support environmental remediation; and

**WHEREAS**, the environmental remediation of the site will lead to the preservation of an ecologically sensitive ravine area which will be linked into the City’s park system and the regional bikeway network; and

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**WHEREAS**, as part of the City of Gahanna's commitment to the environment, a series of water quality basins and erosion control techniques will be constructed to help filter storm water run-off before it enters the Big Walnut Creek which will benefit all residents of Franklin County; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed site redevelopment project will house up to 300 jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Gahanna and private development partner, Value Recovery Group 2, LLC, have asked for a resolution in support of this redevelopment effort;

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County, Ohio, of all members thereof concurring:

1. That the Board does fully support the application for JRS funds submitted by the City of Gahanna for the Green Pointe Smart Office Project.
2. The Board recognizes the project to be an appropriate redevelopment of the property, the steps being taken to protect the environment, enhance energy efficiency, improve water quality, and foster the opportunity to create and retain jobs.
3. The Green Pointe Smart Office Project is hereby declared a project of great importance and one which will enhance the future health and welfare of all Franklin County residents.

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